



Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

Resolution

Resolution Encouraging Action in Response to Hate Incidents in Kentucky:

WHEREAS, The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights has received an increase in reports of hate-related incidents, including vandalism, harassment, and the distribution of hate-related literature spread across the Commonwealth in areas as diverse as Bowling Green, Lexington, Louisville, Morgantown, Owensboro and Winchester and;

WHEREAS, Citizens have brought concerns to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights regarding the distribution of hate fliers on the University of Louisville's campus and hate motivated vandalism of a student's residence on the University of Kentucky's campus, and;

WHEREAS, We commend the critical work that local Human Rights Commissions across the state are undertaking to prevent and respond to hate crime, through educational initiatives, strategic coalitions and partnerships, and innovative community programming, as part of their efforts to encourage and promote equal treatment for all persons in Kentucky, and;

WHEREAS, It is our mission at the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights to seek respect and mutual understanding among all people, and it is our position that hate incidents anywhere are a threat to mutual understanding everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights encourages local governments across the Commonwealth to provide support to local Human Rights Commissions and other agencies in their communities that are working to prevent and respond to incidents of hate and to support the formation of new Human Rights Commissions and community groups to promote equal opportunity where there are none, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights calls on all Kentucky educational institutions to take the lead in stopping hate in Kentucky by vigorously investigating hate activity on school premises; and by revisiting and revitalizing educational policies that promote inclusion, curriculums that support diversity, and recruitment plans that attract and retain minority students, faculty, and administrators in Kentucky, and;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,

That a copy of this Resolution will be spread upon the Minute Book of this Commission; and dated in Lexington, Kentucky this the 18th day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seven and in the 215th year of the Commonwealth.

On Behalf of the Commission:

Attest:

Henry Curtis
Commission Chair

John J. Johnson
Executive Director